

## **NOTICE OF MOTION: LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL**

To be proposed by Cllr Dowding and seconded by Cllr Bannon.

Lancaster City Council

- (i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote and install renewable energy as part of its intention to become net -zero carbon, particularly since its Declaration of a Climate Emergency in January 2019.
- (ii) further recognises
  - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being nearly impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
  - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would enable and empower new local businesses in Lancaster and Lancashire, or councils such as the existing Lancaster City Council or any successors, to more easily be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers, and
  - that revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- (iii) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by 187 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation; and
- (iv) further resolves to
  - inform the local media of this decision,
  - write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.

## **OFFICER BRIEFING NOTE**

The motion raises awareness of the Local Electricity Bill and the reasons for it and seeks support for it to become law. It is for the Council to decide whether it wishes to support this motion or otherwise.

## **MONITORING OFFICER COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

## **SECTION 151 OFFICER COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments.